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A.—(*a*) It is not possible to specify the total amount of tax due in 1931–32 since a number of motor vehicles which appeared in the registers had in fact gone off the roads altogether. The amount of tax actually collected in the year was Rs. 29,69,073.

(*b*) The number at the beginning of 1931–32 was 4,172 and that in the first quarter of 1932–33 about 2,700.

(*c*) No enquiry has been made but the Government have received representations on the subject.

Number of motor vehicles licensed during 1931–32 *and the income therefrom.*

* 63 *Q.*—Diwan Bahadur C. S. Ratnasabhapati Mudaliyar: " Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(i) the number of (*a*) buses, (*b*) lorries, (*c*) motor cars, and (*d*) motor cycles licensed during the year 1931–32 in each district;

(ii) the amount of provincial tax derived by the Government by the licensing of the said vehicles; and

(iii) the cost of collection of the taxes?

A.—(i) A statement [a] is appended.

(ii) Rupees 29,69,073.

(iii) Rupees 48,919.

Diwan Bahadur C. S. Ratnasabhapati Mudaliyar:—" May I know the number of lorries, including buses, owned by the Police department? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. Muniswami Nayudu:—" I cannot answer that now, Sir."

Public Health

Disposal of the Cinema projectors, etc., of the Temperance Propaganda Committees, now defunct.

* 64 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the cinema projectors, magic lanterns and slides belonging to the late Temperance Propaganda Committees were given free to any of the local boards, and if so, to which of them; and

(*b*) whether the Government have declined to sanction the free supply of a cinema projector to the South Kanara District Board or the Puttur Taluk Board?

A.—(*a*) One cinema projector (inclusive of a generator and battery), one magic lantern and three sets of slides were given to each of the district boards of Coimbatore, Chittoor, Guntur, Salem and Tanjore.

(*b*) Yes.

Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar:—" May I know why the five districts have been specially favoured? "

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The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. Muniswami Nayudu :—" There is no question of special favour. When the Government decided to dispose of them they consulted the local boards as to who were willing to take them. The district boards should meet the cost of maintaining the buses and also of paying the taxation under the Motor Vehicles Taxation Act. Only five buses were available and the others were required for Police purposes."

Diwan Bahadur C. S. Ratnasabhapati Mudaliyar :—" May I know whether the Government have since passed orders that these vans should be transferred to the Police department ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. Muniswami Nayudu :—" I do not know, Sir; I shall enquire."

Diwan Bahadur C. S. Ratnasabhapati Mudaliyar :—" The hon. Member can take it from me that the Government have issued an order asking them to transfer the vans to the Police department."

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. Muniswami Nayudu :—" I shall consider it."

Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar :—" May I know whether the Chief Minister was not consulted when this Police Order was passed ?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. Muniswami Nayudu :—" When we decided upon discontinuing the propaganda, the buses were at the disposal of the Government. We then proposed that all these might be handed over to the various district boards temporarily. Subsequently orders were passed directing that five district boards might have them and the others should be handed over to the Police."

Rao Bahadur T. M. Narayanaswami Pillai :—" The question refers only to the cinema projectors and not the other things. What is the objection to giving the magic lanterns and slides also free to these boards ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. Muniswami Nayudu :—" No objection; only they must be paid for."

Mr. V. T. Arasu :—" May I know whether all the presidents of district boards were informed that these projectors were available and they received applications only from the five districts ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. Muniswami Nayudu :—" The Director of Public Health was asked to publish a notice that these were available to the district boards, if they agreed to pay the tax on them, etc."

Diwan Bahadur M. Gopalaswami Mudaliyar :—" In view of the fact that the district boards have been hard hit on account of the small income they derive, will Government be pleased to exempt them from motor taxation ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. Muniswami Nayudu :—" No, Sir."